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Biometric Screening of Passengers at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a system of biometric screening of passengers to allow them to enter airport terminals in the country and board domestic flights, if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard;

(b) whether any trial run of this system has been carried out at airports in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any similar systems are operational anywhere else in the world, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the expected cost of introducing such a system across all airports in the country;

(e) whether such a system may be subject to hacking or sabotage and if so, the details thereof and the steps the Government would take to ensure the security of the biometric devices installed at airport gates to prevent tampering; and

(f) whether the Union Government has reviewed the security check after introduction of trial run of non-stamping of baggage tag and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c): Yes Madam. The system of biometric screening of passengers for entering airport terminal is at experimental stage at New York airport, United States of America.

(d) & (e): Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(f): A trial run at about 12 airports has been conducted. Aviation security being dynamic in nature, is reviewed regularly from time to time, based on the feedback of various security agencies.